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"THE NATURE OF THE ENEMY"

It is an amazing thing that 42 years after the Bolshevik revolution in Russia, there are still great numbers of Americans who are ignorant about communism. This startling fact - and it is a fact - applies to many average Americans. But it also applies to leaders in politics, education, religion, and business. Almost daily, we can read a statement from a politician, or a teacher - even a preacher or a businessman - which reveals his ignorance of the aims, practices, and

performances of the communists.

In certain cases, of course, this is deliberate. It stems from a conscious or unconscious belief in communist objectives. But in the great majority of cases, it is due to sheer ignorance. In a way, it is hard to blame people for being ignorant - perhaps a better word is misinformed - about communism. They have been propagandized for years by its defenders and opponents. They therefore find it difficult to separate truth from fiction. Also,

much of the propaganda for communist aims has been subtle and fantastically clever. As a result, it is not unusual to hear a man say he despises everything for which the Reds stand – and in the next breath declare himself in favor of something which is actually a communist objective.

But we cannot afford to remain either ignorant or misinformed. The freedom and well-being of every American family depends upon a complete understanding of the nature of communism. Do you know, for instance, how the Reds really came to power in Russia? What about their promises – are they carried out, and if so, how? Is there a difference between Red China and Red Russia? How do the Reds run their captive countries? Does Khrushchev really want peace – and if so, what kind? How do the Reds carry

on the cold war in education, and in trade? What about the Red spy network? And what would life be like in America if the Reds took over – either peacefully or by war?

I have just finished reading a brief 24-page pamphlet which answers clearly and factually all these, and many other, questions. It is called **THE NATURE OF THE ENEMY**. It is written by Reuben Maury, the brilliant chief editorial writer of the *New York Daily News*. And the best part about it is that it can be read with interest and profit by anyone from nine to 90 years of age.

The highly informative and interesting pamphlet **THE NATURE OF THE ENEMY** is available from America's Future at \$.25 per copy, 5 copies for \$1.00.

A SNEAKY TAX

I am sure none of you failed to notice that, starting with the first of the year, the government is taking an additional bite out of your pay envelopes. This newest grab at our incomes is supposed to be for social security. It is the fifth time in

six years that the social-security tax has been increased – and the end is not in sight. Even as things now stand, without any further generosity with your money on the part of the politicians, this social-security tax is due to go up five more times

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in the next nine years.

I said this latest tax hike is *supposed* to be for social security - to pay pension-benefits to workers when they reach retirement age. But actually it is a sneaky way of depriving you of a part of your earnings under false pretenses. The money which the government collects from you for social security presumably goes into a giant fund, which is then drawn upon to pay old-age benefits. But in reality, nothing of the sort happens. There is nothing in that giant fund - nothing but government I.O.U.'s. The government rakes in your social-security taxes - plus an equal amount which your employer is forced to pay.

Then it proceeds to spend the money for all sorts of things, including foreign and domestic giveaways. Oh, it goes through the motions of borrowing the money from that giant Social Security Fund. That's why the fund is full of I.O.U.'s. But when the time comes to pay out old-age benefits, there is no money with which to pay them. It has all been spent by the government. How, then, does the government pay the benefits? It pays them out of current taxes. You are really being taxed twice - once to pay for fake insurance for your old age, and again to pay the present-day benefits to old people whose social-security taxes were squandered by the government long ago.

Grabbing additional taxes from you under the guise of social security, and then flinging them around for all sorts of hairbrained and socialistic schemes, has another effect. It is this wild spending by the government which eats away at the value of your dollars. This is why your dollar now buys less than half of what it once did. So the next time you hear a politician offering you more social security, stop and think. He is always careful not to mention that more so-

cial security means more taxes. You find out about that part of it only when your pay envelope shrinks, as it is now doing. But even more important - stop and ask yourself this: How much benefit will you get from this so-called government social security if it is paid to you in ten-cent dollars? When this social-security scheme started, you paid taxes in 100-cent doll-

ars. Now the benefits are being paid in 50-cent dollars. Of course, you are paying taxes in 50-cent dollars, but you are paying more and more of them. When the time comes for you to collect your benefits, you might get them in ten-cent dollars. And if we keep this up long enough, the time can come when the dollars won't be worth anything.

WHOSE MONEY IS IT?

It is inevitable, once we give the politicians the right to grab so much of our income, that they will begin to think the money is theirs to do with as they choose. This attitude takes two forms. One is a feeling that it is none of the nosey taxpayer's business what happens to his money. Here's an example.

Congress and the Comptroller General of the U.S. - who is an agent of the Congress - have been carrying on a running battle with President Eisenhower over certain official reports. These reports have to do with the way your money has been spent in certain Far Eastern and Middle Eastern countries as part of the foreign giveaway program. Congress - your representa-

tives - appropriates the money. It is your money - taken from your profits, your salaries, your wages in taxes. Once Congress appropriates it, it is spent by the Executive branch of the government. Congress orders that certain reports be made to the President on how your money is spent. Then it asks the President for the reports. He replies that the reports are confidential and cannot be allowed outside the Executive branch of the government. That's a polite way of saying that it is none of your business what the foreign-aid boys are doing with your money.

This government-control over your money also puts the notion in the politician's mind that the people's own

money can be used to curtail their freedom. For instance, for several years now the income tax has been used to curtail the free speech of businessmen. A business concern will, in an advertisement, express its views on how certain government policies affect its business, either favorably or unfavorably. But the government will not allow it to deduct the price of the ad from its in-

come tax as a cost of doing business. If a private utility for example, wants to point out the socialistic nature of the government's Tennessee Valley Authority in an ad, it cannot deduct the cost of the ad. But the government uses the taxes of that private utility, as well as the taxes of all Americans, to propagandize and support the socialistic TVA.

- John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 1/10/60

Book Review **REPUBLIC OR DEMOCRACY?**

FREEDOM AND FEDERALISM by Felix Morley, 274 pages, Regnery, Chicago, \$5.00.

Add this splendid exposition of the nature and genius of the American system (before its dilution) to the growing library of what has been called "the literature of liberty."

Felix Morley - journalist, educator, philosopher, and clearheaded spokesman for the conservative cause - takes as his theme the irreconcilable conflict between federalism and democracy. Both words have only a vague, and mostly incorrect, meaning to many

modern Americans - especially college students raised and nurtured on the pap of "social studies" cum life-adjustment.

Federalism - the American contribution to the science of politics - means simply a voluntary union of sovereign states, with a central government of severely limited and divided powers. As such - and the United States proved it - federalism means freedom.

On the other hand, inherent in democracy is Rousseau's theory of the "general will." Probably there is not one modern "liberal" in a thousand

who knows (or knowing, will admit) that the god democracy, whom he worships, can be and often has been a totalitarian god. Rousseau himself spelled it out: "Whomsoever refuses to obey the general will must in that instance be restrained by the body politic, which actually means that he is forced to be free." Therein lies the great difference between the holocaust of the French Revolution and the inspiration of the American Revolution. Not, as Mr. Morley points out, that we are not a democratic society. We are, particularly in our state and local systems. But there is a vast chasm, politically speaking, between being democratic and being a democracy. The United States was never conceived as a democracy, but as a republic - a federal republic. So long as she remained just that, she could not become an oppressive force in the lives of her people - something which never could be said of foreign democracies.

Mr. Morley does a magnificent job of pinpointing, in always readable form, the trends and forces which can spell either the death-knell or the resurgence of our unique system. A critic could dispute him on only two points.

He is right that the greater the centralization of power, the greater is the need for something to spend on in order to maintain that power, and that in armaments for protection against a real or imagined enemy the politician meets the least resistance from the taxpayers. But is not Mr. Morley carried away by his own argument when he takes at face value the Russian leaders' protestations of peaceful intentions? Surely he knows that "peace" has two entirely different meanings to a communist and to an American. Also, Mr. Morley's faith in federalism is, commendably, great. But it leads him to take in too much territory. He sees off in the distance the possibility of a whole world organized along federal lines. Has he not overlooked one provision in the charter of our federal system - Article IV, Section 4, which guarantees "to every State in this Union a *republican* form of government?"

But on the whole, this is a vital and stimulating book for all those who would protect these United States from the socialist-minded termites who eat away at our foundations of freedom.

- Rosalie Gordon

ACCOMPLICE IN THE WICKEDNESS

"If ethical leadership in Western Civilization falls for the fiction it can buy peace by gambling with moral principles the future of humanity is dark. It is a fearful thing for the Free World to accept criminal rulers into respectable society endowing them with an undeserved prestige and standing... Authentic morality bitterly condemns butchers and butcheries. It cannot sit down and listen to or sign treaties with the enemies of mankind. To give even a semblance of respectability or recognition to inhumane elements is to be an accomplice in the wickedness." -Cmdr. H. H. Lippincott, (U.S.N. Ret.) quoted in *CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS*

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Growth in U. S. Population:

5,300,000 people in the year 1880

180,000,000 people in the year 1960

Rate of increase - 34 times

Federal Government Employees:

150 in the year 1880

2,387,000 in the year 1960

Rate of increase - 16,000 times!
(figures from Wall Street Journal)

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